

on the Lord become blessings. They work together with all other things for good.

"If, on a quiet sea,  
Toward heaven we calmly sail,  
With grateful hearts, O God, to Thee,  
We'll own the favoring gale.

"But should the surges rise,  
And rest delay to come,  
Blest be the tempest, kind the storm,  
Which drives us nearer home "

## The Christian Life

### At Prayer Meeting

There were only two or three of us  
Who came to the place of prayer—  
Came in the teeth of a driving storm ;  
But for that we did not care,  
Since after our psalms and praise had risen,  
And our earnest prayers were said,  
The Master himself was present there,  
And gave us the living bread.

We knew his look on our leader's face,  
So rapt and glad and free ;  
We felt his touch when our heads were bowed,  
We heard his "Come to me."  
Nobody saw him lift the latch,  
And none unbarred the door ;  
But "peace" was his token to every heart.  
And how could we ask for more ?

Each of us felt the load of sin  
From the weary shoulder fall ;  
Each of us dropped the load of care,  
And the grief that was like a pall ;  
And over our spirits a blessed calm  
Swept in from the Jasper sea,  
And strength was ours for toil and strife  
In the days that were thence to be.

It was only a handful gathered in  
To the little place of prayer ;  
Outside were struggle and pain and sin,  
But the Lord himself was there ;  
He came to redeem the pledge he gave—  
Wherever his loved ones be  
To stand himself in the midst of them  
Tho they count but two or three.

And forth we fared in the bitter rain,  
And our hearts had grown so warm,  
It seemed like the pelting of summer flowers  
And not the crash of a storm ;  
"Twas a time of the dearest privilege  
Of the Lords' right hand," we said,  
As we thought how Jesus himself had come  
To feed us with living bread.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

### A WORD OF GOD

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Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth : for I am God, and there is none else, Isa. 42 : 23. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world ; but that the world thru him might be saved, Jno. 3 : 17. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, 2 Cor. 5 : 19.

I (Christ) am the resurrection, and the life ; he that believeth in me, tho he were dead, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, Jno. 11 : 25, 26.

Now is the accepted time, 2 Cor. 6 : 2. How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, Heb. 2 : 3. Every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life, Jno. 6 : 40. Come and see, Jno. 1 : 46. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word : for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Luke 2 : 29, 30.

### Doing Good

Religious Telescope.

That was the occupation of our Lord and Master while on earth. He did not go about place seeking, feasting, or coveting honor. "He went about doing good." Reader, study these words. They express in epitome the history of Christ's life on earth. His whole life was given to others. For himself he had no concern. He saw men and women degraded, wretched, lost, and gave himself to lifting them up, relieving their sufferings, and saving them from their sins. To this end he taught the people, delivered to them ennobling precepts and practical rules of life ; but the utility of all these, and the possibility of conforming to their requirements, he demonstrated in his own life. In all his teaching he combined example with precept. By the life he lived among them he actually showed the people how to enter into the kingdom of heaven ; or rather, how to inaugurate the kingdom of heaven in their own hearts. Marvelous Prophet, mighty Teacher, adorable Redeemer, thy life and love have borne the test of the centuries. Not a single flaw has yet been discovered in anything thou didst ever do or say.

### "God Dwelleth in Us"

Rev. A. E. Dunning.

God dwells with believers. He lives in them. To know this by experience and insight is to make life heavenly. Who would not give all he possesses to see God ? But Jesus said to his disciples, Behold me and you see God. They had not known this because they had not known Jesus, tho they had been his companions for years. What believer does not wish he could see Jesus, and talk with him ? But Jesus has declared that he and the Father "dwell in" those who obey him. "This is life eternal," said Jesus, "that they should know thee, the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ." If we realized how near we are to God when we are in the company of his own, how much more we should love his church ; how much deeper would be our reverence for its members ; how much more earnest we should be to show God to them thru our obedience to him ! For God reveals himself in his people.

### Gladness

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Gladness is God's ideal for his children. He means them to be sunny-faced and happy-hearted. He does not wish them to be heavy and sad. He has made the world full of beauty and full of music. The mission of the gospel is to start songs wherever it goes. Its key-note is joy—good tidings of great joy to all people. We are commanded to rejoice always.

This does not mean that the Christian's life is exempt from trouble, pain and sorrow. The gospel does not give us a new set of conditions with the hard things left out. The Christian's home is not sheltered from life's storms any more than is the worldly man's home. Sickness enters with its hot breath

the circle where the voice of prayer is heard, as well as where no heart adores and no knee bends before God. In the holiest home sanctuary the loving group gathers about the bed of death, and there is the sorrow of bereavement.

Nor is grief less poignant in the believer's case than in that of the man who knows not Christ. Grace does not make love less tender, the pangs of separation less sharp, the sense of loss less keen or the feeling of loneliness less deep. God does not give gladness to his children by making them incapable of suffering. This would be to make them incapable also of joy. For sorrow and joy come on the same stalk. A heart may be so dulled in its feeling as to be insensible to grief, but then it is no longer capable of love. Divine grace makes the heart all the more tender, and the capacity for loving all the deeper ; hence it increases, rather than lessens, the measure of grief when separation comes.

But the gladness of Christian faith is something which lies too deep to be disturbed by the waves and tides of earthly trouble. It has its source in the very heart of God. Sorrow is not prevented by grace, but is swallowed up in the floods of heavenly joy. That was what Jesus meant when he talked to his disciples of joy just as he was about to go out to Gethsemane. He said their sorrow should be turned into rejoicing, and that they should have a joy which the world could not take from them ; that is, a joy which earth's deepest darkness could not put out. God's gladness is not the absence of sorrow, but divine comfort overcoming sorrow—sunshine striking thru the black clouds, transfiguring them.

## The Mission Field

### Words From Missionaries

Let us advance on our knees—Joseph Hardy Neesima.

The prospect is as bright as the promises of God.—Adoniram Judson.

Give until you feel it, and then give until you don't feel it.—Mary Lyon.

If I had a thousand lives to live, Africa should have them all—Bishop Mackenzie.

My Jesus, my King, my Life, my all, I again dedicate myself to thee.—Davie Livingstone.

Facts are the fingers of God. To know the facts of modern missions is the necessary condition of intelligent interest.—A. T. Pierson.

I cannot, I dare not, go up to judgment till I have done the utmost God enables me to do, to diffuse his glory thru the world—Ashabel Grant.

It is my deep conviction, and I say it again and again, that if the church of Christ were what she ought to be, twenty years would not pass away till the story of the cross would be uttered in the ears of every living man—Simeon N. Calhoun.

### A Testimony to Missionaries

I know of no class of Englishmen, says Sir William Hunter, who have done so much to render the name of England, apart from the power of England, respected in India as the missionaries. I know of no class of Englishmen who have done so much to make the better side of the English character understood. I know of no class who have done so much to awaken the Indian intellect, and at the same time to lessen the dangers of the transition from the old state of things to the new. The missionaries have had their reward. No class of Englishmen receive so much